Deviation from the objects of NBT

†781. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Book Trust has deviated from its fundamental objects;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said institution has been more active in the foreign countries instead of rural areas and small towns of the country during the past years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) if not, the details of the achivements of the said institution during the last three years;

(e) the details of the expenditure incurred on the seminar conducted in Delhi on "Bahusanskritic Smaj main mullijuli sanskriti" (mixed culture in the multi cultural society); and

(f) the thought and ideas that emerged out of this seminar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The National Book Trust, India (NBT) undertakes extensive book promotional programmes around the year throughout the country, particularly in small towns and rural areas of the country are targeted in particular. NBT also participates in Book Fairs abroad.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Details of achivements under various programmes and activities for the last three years is enclosed as Statement. (*See* below)

(e) An amount of Rs. 16,64,506/- was incurred on the organisation of the international seminar conducted in Delhi during the 17th New Delhi World Book Fair.

(f) The distinguished resource persons from across the country and abroad shared their ideas, experiences and thoughts on this unique feature of Indian culture.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Summary of Major Achievements of last three years from 2002-03 to 2005-06

Sl. No.	Activities	2002-03 Achievement	2003-04 Achievement	2004-05 Achievement	2005-06 Achievement
1.	**Titles Published**	887	658	1053	891
2.	**Book Promotion Activities**				
	Participation in Book Fair	72	77	101	64
	Mobile exhibitions organized	1459	1428	1595	1364
	Seminar/Workshops	23	36	33	45
	Regional Book Fairs	4	4	2	3
	National Book Fair	1	1	1	1
3.	**Book Exp. Promotion**				
	Participation in Book Fair	3	9	10	4
	Exhibitions abroad	1	4	Nil	2
4.	**Subsidy-titles Publisher**	9	4	5	2
5.	**National Centre For Children Literature**				
	Readers Club members enrolled	15000	1000	982	2987
	Orientation Prog.	-	5	4	3
	Seminars	14	48	20	26
6.	**NBT Book Exhs. organized**	-	110	109	51
7.	**Publishing Course organized**	2	-	2	3
8.	**Sales Prom. Measures**				
	Book Stalls operationalised	-	1	-	-
9.	**Punjabi Project**				
	Titles Published Organized	-	2	2	3
	Seminar/Workshops	-	1	1	2

Note: Achievements Yr. 2005-06 till December, 2005 only.